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Lipid Research Fellowships Offered by St. Andrews Group

Vacancies exist for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the lipid research group led by Frank Gunstone in St. Andrews University (St. Andrews, Scotland). One of these vacancies arises from the return of R. G. Powell to the Northern Regional Laboratories (Peoria) after a one-year visit to St. Andrews. Other workers from the laboratory who have undertaken lipid research in the United States include L. J. Morris (Hormel Institute), R. J. Hamilton, (Baylor Medical Center, Houston), and W. W. Christie (Hormel Institute). Current work is concerned with acids of novel structure, glyceride studies, and the synthesis, properties, and reactions of polyethenoid acids.

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ble alkyl benzene sulfonate with 9 to 15 C atoms in the alkyl side chain and, as a detergency improving agent, 2-hydroxy-1amino alkanes of the formula R—CHOH—CH₂NH₂, where R is an alkyl radical having from 4 to 18 C atoms. The detergency improving agent is present at a level of 0.3 to about 3.3% (by wt.) based on the amount of water soluble alkylbenzene sulfonate present.

QUATERNARY AMMONIUM-TERTIARY AMINE OXIDE COMPOSITIONS. J. C. Findlan *et al.* (Millmaster Onyx Corp.). U.S. 3,296,145. A germicidal agent consists essentially of (1) at least one tertiary amine oxide of the formula: R—M/R" where R

is an alkyl or alkenyl with 8 to 20 C atoms and R' and R" are lower alkyl or hydroxyalkyl groups, and (2) at least one germicidal quaternary ammonium compound having at least one long chain alkyl group of 8 to 22 C atoms attached to the quaternary nitrogen and having a phenol coefficient of at least 100 with respect to *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella typhosa* at 20C. The amine oxide and quaternary ammonium compound are present in the relative proportions of from 50:1to 5:1 parts by weight. A method of simultaneously cleaning and sterilizing human tissue by application of the above described composition is also claimed.

CLEANER FOR FOOD RESIDUES. E. M. Gatza (Dow Chemical Co.). U.S. 3,396,147. A cleaning composition is claimed consisting of water, ammonia (NH₂ content from 0.05 to 10% by wt., based on the water), an alkali metal alkaline compound in an amount from 0.1 to 15% by wt., based on the water, and an aliphatic halo-hydrocarbon solvent with a molecular weight up to 150, the halogen being either chlorine or bromine and the solvent being present in an amount of 2 to 95% by volume, based on the water. The ammonia, alkaline compound, solvent and water all contribute to the cleaning properties of the resulting mixture.

BLEACHING, STERILIZING, DISINFECTING AND DETERGING COM-POSITIONS. M. M. Crutchfield and R. R. Irani (Monsanto Co.). U.S. 3,297,578. An improved bleaching and sterilizing composition consists essentially of a stable mixture of a chlorinereleasing agent and a sequestering agent selected from the group of compounds having the formula: X Y



$(HO_2) - P(O) - \breve{C} - (O)P - (OH)_2$

where X is either hydrogen or a lower alkyl group and Y is either hydrogen, hydroxyl or a lower alkyl group with from 1 to 4 C atoms. Alkali metal salts, ammonium salts and amine salts of this sequestering agent can also be used. The chlorine-releasing agent and the sequestering agent are present in a ratio of 50:1 to 5,000:1 on a per cent available chlorine to weight of sequestering agent basis.

PROCESS FOR PREPARING A DETERGENT COMPOSITION CONTAINING SODUM ALKANESULFONATE AND SOAP. J. K. Weil, A. J. Stirton, F. D. Smith and R. G. Bistline (U.S. Dep't. Agr.). U.S. 3,297,579. A process is described for the preparation of a detergent composition containing as essential active ingredients a sodium alkanesulfonate and a soap, with a ratio of alkanesulfonate to soap of from 2.4:1 to 2.8:1. The disodium salt of an α -sulfocarboxylic acid having the general formula RCH₂XH(SO₃Na)COONa, where R is a straight chain alkyl radical with 11, 13 or 15 C atoms, is mixed with sodium hydroxide in a ratio of from 2:1 to 2.5:1. The mixture is stirred and heated to fusion under a nitrogen atmosphere until the reaction is substantially complete, then cooled to below 100C and the excess alkali neutralized with an aqueous mineral acid such as sulfurie, hydrochloric or phosphoric acid. The neutralized reaction mixture is dried to give a dry detergent composition containing a sodium alkanesulfonate and sodium soap of the general formulas RCH₂CH₂SO₃Na and RCOONa, respectively.

ALKYLBENZENE SULFONATE COLOR AND ODOR INHIBITION. J. B. Wilkes (Chevron Res. Co.). U.S. 3,297,748. An improvement is claimed in the process for producing a branched-chain monoalkylbenzene sulfonate detergent at a temperature in the range of 50 to 150F by sulfonating with oleum a branched-chain monoalkylbenzene hydrocarbon having from 9 to 18 C atoms in its alkyl chain. The improvement consists in conducting the sulfonation reaction in the presence of from 0.5 to 6.0% by weight, based on the weight of the alkylbenzene, of acetic acid and of a lower alkylbenzene represented by the formula: $C_6H_5 - CR_3R_2H$ where R_1 and R_2 are methyl, ethyl or propyl groups. The branched-chain monoalkylbenzene sulfonates thus produced have improved color and odor characteristics.